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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1717

Introduced by Assembly Member De Leon
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Hill)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Block, Huffman, Jeffries, and
Portantino)
(Coauthor: Senator Alquist)

February 2, 2010

An act to add Section 13300.7 to the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1717, as amended, De Leon. Ballot materials: electronic access.

Existing law requires elections officials to provide a registered voter with a sample ballot, voter pamphlet, directions to the nearest polling place, and other ballot materials by mail within designated timeframes before a primary or general election.

This bill would authorize county and city elections officials, if specified conditions are met, to establish procedures to allow a voter to opt out of receiving his or her sample ballot and other ballot materials by mail and instead obtain them via electronic means such as e-mail or accessing them from a county's or city's Internet Web site.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13300.7 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

13300.7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, county and city elections officials may establish procedures designed to permit a voter to opt out of receiving his or her sample ballot, voter pamphlet, notice of polling place, and associated materials by mail, and instead obtain them electronically via e-mail or by accessing them on the county's or city's Internet Web site, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The procedures establish a method of providing notice of and an opportunity by which a voter can notify elections officials of his or her desire to obtain ballot materials electronically in lieu of receiving them by mail.

(b) The voter e-mail address ~~for~~ or any other information provided by the voter under this section remains confidential ~~and is not used for any other purpose nor disclosed to any third party.~~ pursuant to Section 6254.4 of the Government Code and Section 2194 of this code.

(c) The procedures provide notice and opportunity for a voter who has opted out of receiving a sample ballot and other materials by mail to opt back into receiving them by mail.